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1. Procurement of Foreign Films.

a. The Norwegian movie production entitled, "The Fight for Heavy Water," was first requested of the Graphics Register/OCD by Chief, [REDACTED] in a memorandum dated 9 September 1949. The request for a retention print of this film was confirmed again with the Graphics Register on 11 January 1951 in a consolidation of all prior film requests on that office.

b. Again on 20 April 1951, TR(C) confirmed its request for a retention print of the film, and suggested that as the film was not available through the commercial channels utilized by [REDACTED], 25X1A8a that the operations offices of the agency be requested to secure it.

2. The Procurement and Screening of OSS Films held in Signal Corp Photographic Center, Long Island, New York.

a. Most of the OSS field photographic, and research and analysis field prints are in a repository in the Signal Corp Photographic Center, Long Island, New York. No record exists of the titles and contents of the film stored in this vault.

b. Beginning in September 1950, TR(C) made a number of verbal requests to the Graphics Register that these films be secured along the lines of [REDACTED] subjects, and the existing prints be secured and retained by the agency for training use. Verbally, the Graphics Register indicated that they did not have the personnel to accomplish the screening and indexing of this material.

c. During the succeeding months, TR(C) located certain manifest of the films presumed to have been shipped to this center and requested that the Graphics Register procure these films by title. One request concerned an OSS film entitled, [REDACTED] 25X1A2d2 which was verbally requested in December 1950. The film was procured by the Graphics Register in July 1951.

d. On 17 July after the additional screening of the shipping manifest, TR(C) requested that Graphics Register secure 78 prints from the OSS repository. To date, only 18 prints from this request have been forwarded to TR(C). It is my understanding,

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that the films forwarded were those located in the Graphics Register file, and that none from the Signal Corp Center has been secured.

3. Procurement of Air Force Films.

a. Particular difficulty has been encountered in the procurement of loan copies of films from the Air Force. The Graphics Register has indicated that the Air Force "does not cooperate" very well with the agency on film loans. An instance of this is shown in the case of a new Air Force film entitled, "Evasion and Escape." This film was requested by TR(C) for retention on 24 July. Production of the film has been completed, and it is my understanding that a preview of the film was held by the Air Force in the Pentagon on 27 September, but that representatives of the agency were not invited to the preview. No prints of the film have been received by TR(C).

4. Procurement of Training Film Prints for Overseas Training Projects.

a. TR(C) has the responsibility of supporting certain overseas training projects. Training films for these projects are secured from the Graphics Register. The procurement of these prints has not been as rapid as the urgency of the training projects warrants. The lists which are attached indicate that film prints requested in January 1951 and later dates, have not been secured for these overseas training missions, although many of them are OSS films and current military service training films.

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Procurement of Standard and Special Training Models From The
Military Services

The procurement of standard training models from the military services has not been satisfactory.

On the 23rd of May and the 21st of June, requisitions for standard graphic training aids and standard models were forwarded to the Procurement Division. To date, none of these items has been received.

On the 19th of June, the Procurement Division was requested to secure the cooperation of the Training Aids Production Shops of the Military Services for the production of specialized models required in the TR(C) activities. Verbal discussions with Procurement Division during the succeeding months indicated that it was making no progress in the procurement of these items. During the last week in July, a representative of TR(C) contacted the Training Aids Section, Bureau of Naval Personnel, U. S. Navy, and determined that special models would be produced for the agency in the Navy Training Aids Centers, if such an arrangement were completed through the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

No further information has been received from the Procurement Division relative to TR(C)'s request for it to secure these special models from the military services.

Procurement of Aerial Photographs

The procurement of aerial photographs for instructional use in the TR(C) activities has been unsatisfactory.

A request was placed verbally with Graphics Register in May for vertical and oblique aerial photographs within the West Point quadrangle. Graphics Register indicated that we would have to furnish them with a map of the area on which it could outline the area concerned. The procurement of this map from the army required approximately six weeks.

On 17 July, a request was given to Graphics Register for seventy-five copies each of several types of aerial photographs. Several weeks after this date, on making a verbal check on the progress of the order, Graphics Register indicated that it had done nothing on placing the order. At that time, Graphics Register indicated that it would like someone from our division to actually make the selection of photographs.

Early in September, an instructor and a member of Training Materials Staff visited Graphics Register and the Air Force and made a partial selection to fill this order.

On 6 September, an order was placed with Graphics Register for two hundred fifty copies of one aerial photograph and on eleven September another order for two hundred fifty copies of two specific photographs was placed.

On 3 October, [REDACTED] indicated by telephone that he would not be able to place large orders for photographs with the Air Force because of the agreement Graphics Register has with the Air Force for procuring no more than thirty copies of any order. Mr. [REDACTED] insists that lithographic reproductions of the photographs in lieu of photoprints are adequate for training needs, although our instructors do not feel that is the case.

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